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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to applicant's amendment and request for continuation (RCE) which claims 1-8 are pending.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/2/06 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McEachern (US 5,680,028).

Claims 1-4, McEachern teaches a charging system (see figure 2) comprising

McEachern teaches a charging device (1) which includes a primary side coil (24) and an induction core(23) which penetrates through the prime side coil (core 23 passes through the coil 24 of the charger 1, see figure 2, column 5, lines 20-54).

McEachern teaches a portable equipment (2) which includes a secondary side coil (21) and an insertion portion including an opening and containing the secondary side coil (22) which allows said induction core to pass there through in a manner to penetrate into the secondary side coil (see figure 2, column 5, lines 20-54).

Claims 6-8 , McEachern teaches all limitations, as explained in claims 1-4, above and further McEachern teaches holding the insertion portion and the induction core together for a predetermined time period (see figure 2, column 5, lines 20-54).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McEachern.

Claim 5, McEachern does not expressly teaches the hook-shaped induction core.

However,(McEachern) the reference discloses an inductive charger having an inductive C portion 9 that can be hooked onto an inductive core 3 for inductive charging

the battery of the device. Then, it does not specifically disclose the C portion is a hook. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art that the C shape or loop shape would function in a similar manner since the core would be on the "inside" of the C shape loop. Hence it can carry the device to be charged.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tilahun B Gesesse whose telephone number is 571-272-7879. The examiner can normally be reached on flexible schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899.

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